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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the abstract of the specification as follows:

Methods of providing anti-infective activity to a medical device generally comprising including the steps of exposing the medical device to an anti-infective oxidant, and transferring the anti-infective oxidant into a wall of the medical device. One embodiment comprises includes the step of exposing a medical device which that is at least in part within a patient to the anti-infective oxidant. Another embodiment comprises includes the steps of exposing a medical device to an aqueous solution which produces the anti-infective oxidant and transferring transferring a sufficient amount of the anti-infective oxidant into the medical device wall to provide the medical device with anti-infective activity. Another aspect of the invention is directed to Also provided is an oxidant releasing member which that has the anti-infective oxidant releasably contained therein and which that is configured to be disposed adjacent to the medical device. Presently preferred medical devices useful in the method of the invention Exemplary devices include catheters such as venous, arterial, and urinary catheters, generally comprising containing an elongated catheter shaft having a lumen extending therein, and optionally having a balloon on the shaft in fluid communication with the catheter lumen.